

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 74
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lawrence Hahn for fifty years of laudable service to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Lawrence Hahn, Executive Director of the Boys Club of Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2003, representatives from the national office of the Boys and Girls Club of America presented Mr. Hahn with a medallion, commemorating his fiftieth year of service with this outstanding organization; and

WHEREAS, as a sophomore at East Tennessee State University, Lawrence Hahn began his career with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America as Janitor and Program Director of the Red Shield Club operated by the Salvation Army, eventually becoming Director of the Club; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Mr. Hahn moved to Oak Ridge to help organize the Oak Ridge Boys Club, serving as its founding Director; at the time, he was the youngest Director in the Boys Club of America; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Hahn has executed the responsibilities of this position with exceptional devotion and enthusiasm for over forty-five years; and

WHEREAS, from a modest beginning in a wooden shed behind the Elk's Club, the Club has steadily grown, under the capable hand of Mr. Hahn, to meet the community's need for youth services, cultivating a program balanced between award-winning athletics, crafts and educational offerings, including mentoring, tutoring, computer learning and drug education programs; and

WHEREAS, through perseverance and dedication, Lawrence Hahn has led the Boys Club of Oak Ridge in the development of a seven-acre campus that serves over 550 youth on a \$217,000 operating budget; he has secured a core of corporate sponsors that lends financial security to the Club, attracted a 37-member Board of Directors representing community leaders and annually recruits over 200 adult volunteers to help deliver Club services; and

WHEREAS, consisting of 275 active members, the Oak Ridge Boys Club Alumni Association serves as a singular testimony to the remarkable love Mr. Hahn offers the young men whom the Club serves; through their fundraising and volunteer efforts, these men seek to contribute to the Club that gave so much to them in their youth, and several of these alumni have followed Mr. Hahn's lead and established successful careers with the Boys and Girls Club of America; and

WHEREAS, indicative of Lawrence Hahn's commitment to serving youth across Tennessee, he has given generously of his time to the Tennessee Area Council of Boys and Girls Clubs of Tennessee, serving three terms as the Executive Secretary, and has formed a joint planning council with Oak Ridge Girls, Inc. to explore future collaboration and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the Boys and Girls Club of America, Mr. Hahn still finds time to lend his remarkable talents to such notable causes as the Noon Rotary Club, the Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge 1316, and the Board of Directors of the Oak Ridge Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Hahn epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and has been recognized for these noteworthy attributes upon several occasions, being inducted into the Oak Ridge Sports Hall of Fame and receiving the Rotary Vocational Service Award, the Sertoma Service to Mankind Award, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Civic Service Award, the East Tennessee Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Award, the Outstanding Tennessean Award, the Boys and Girls Club of America Man and Boy Award, the Bronze Keystone Award, the National Professional Service Award, the "Light the Path" Award and the National Service to Youth Award; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Lawrence Hahn for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Lawrence Hahn for his fifty years of astute and compassionate service to the Boys Club of Oak Ridge and extend to him our earnest wishes for his continued success in every endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.